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This application is a continuation of copending Application No. 09/059,531, filed April 13, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of three parent applications, namely Application No. 08/730,327, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,353, Application No. 08/730,496, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,222, both of which claim priority to Provisional Application No. 60/005,164 filed October 13, 1995 and Application No. 08/837,295, filed April 11, 1997 which claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/028,922, filed August 26, 1996, and also is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/730,327, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,353 and Application No. 09/730,496, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,222. The entire disclosures of such related applications are incorporated herein by reference herein.

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#### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated Applicant provisionally elects Species 1 (TMDCR with passageway formed between a chamber of the heart and coronary vein), without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claims is ultimately deemed allowable. At present, Claims 1-28 recite TMDCR methods in which a passageway formed between a chamber of the heart and a coronary vein. Thus, Claims 1-28 are believed to read on the elected species.